

What a disgrace that Chairman Powell is so blatantly disregarding public opinion in the current debate on deregulation--both by avoiding the extensive public hearings this issue deserves and by recklessly proceeding with the changes he plans, which will further inhibit the public's access to a diversity of views in the future. Surely he must realize that the Congress, with popular opinion behind them, will not let him get away with this. There is still time for him to save his reputation for undermining democracy, and upholding the necessary diversity of reporting that the majority of Americans want.